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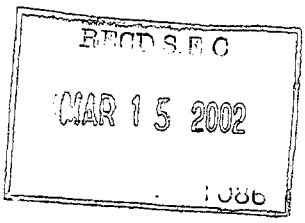

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Report of Foreign Issuer

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For the month of . . . . . March 2002

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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TEVA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL JUDGE INVALIDATES AUGMENTIN PATENTS

Jerusalem, Israel, March 13, 2002 – Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. (Nasdaq: TEVA) announced today that a federal judge has ruled in its favor, invalidating three GlaxoSmithKline patents, otherwise due to expire in 2017, covering the antibiotic Augmentin®. The ruling follows an earlier decision by the same court on December 14, 2001 that invalidated a fourth GlaxoSmithKline patent otherwise scheduled to expire in 2018. GlaxoSmithKline's remaining three patents concerning Augmentin® will expire by December 24, 2002. Teva's challenge to those three remaining patents is set for trial in May 2002.

Bill Fletcher, President and CEO of Teva North America commented, "We are very pleased with the court's decision, which we believe validates our decision to challenge the patents. Favorable rulings such as the one today only enhance our Company's ability to offer consumers cost-effective medication."

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 40 pharmaceutical companies and among the largest generic phamaceutical companies in the world. Over 80% of Teva's sales are in North America and Europe. The company develops, manufactures and markets generic and branded human pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Safe Harbor Statement under the U. S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements, which express the beliefs and expectations of management. Such statements are based on current plans, estimates and expectations and involve a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such regulatory environment and changes in the health policies and structure of various countries, acceptance and demand for new pharmaceutical products and new therapies, the impact of competitive products and pricing, the availability and pricing of ingredients used in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products, uncertainties regarding market acceptance of innovative products newly launched, currently being sold or in development, the impact of restructuring of clients, reliance on a strategy of acquiring companies and on strategic alliances, exposure to product liability claims, dependence on patent and other protections for our innovative products, fluctuations in currency, exchange and interest rates, operating results, and other factors that are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F and the Company's other filings with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

Teva Pharmaceutical
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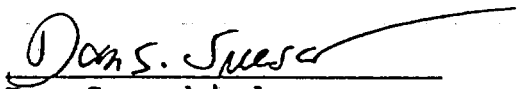
(Registrant)

By: 
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